

## Appendix F - Letter of Endorsement CWDA



May 23, 2006

John Boule, Director  
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Dear Mr. Boule,

The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) Information Technology Committee is pleased to support the SAWS-Consortium IV (C-IV) Project applying for a grant being offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), to improve participation in the Food Stamps program in the C-IV Counties.

Should C-IV be chosen for the grant, the funds would be used to implement a public web-based component to the C-IV System to allow customers to apply for Food Stamps over the Internet, with the potential of improving benefit issuance turnaround and Eligibility Worker efficiency, and simplifying the intake application process for customers, thus further enhancing access to benefits by families needing nutrition assistance.

The C-IV Project has established itself as a successful automated welfare system project in California and this enhancement to the C-IV System would provide the opportunity to increase the usefulness and functionality C-IV has to offer its counties. This effort could be very beneficial not only to the current C-IV Counties, but also to the additional 35 counties that will soon be joining the C-IV System, and the resulting partnerships with community-based and non-profit organizations.

The County Welfare Directors Association fully endorses your proposal for the acquisition of this grant and wishes the C-IV Project continued success.

Sincerely,

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